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TITLE: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR RELIABLY IDENTIFYING A

**USER IN A COMPUTER SYSTEM** 

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified, enclosed patent application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 8, 9, 17, 18 and 19 as shown below.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any one of preceding claims 1 to 7" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 7".

Claim 17, line 1, delete "claims 15 or 16" and insert -- claim 15--.

Claim 18, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of preceding claims 10 to 17" and insert -- claim 10--.